

In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A messaging system arranged to allow a user to send a pre-specified standard message to a destination party mail box, said messaging system comprising a communications network comprising:-

- a) a messaging server arranged to store a plurality of pre-specified standard messages specific to said user;
- b) an input to the communications network arranged to receive a user input from said user; and
- c) a destination party mail box; wherein when a specified user input is received from said user at the input, a user selected one of said plurality of the pre-specified standard messages is sent to the destination party mail box from the messaging server.

2. (original) A messaging system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said input comprises a terminal connected to the communications network and comprising a user interface.

3. (previously presented) A messaging system as claimed in claim 2 wherein the terminal is connected to the messaging server via a communications network node being a private branch exchange.

4. (currently amended) A messaging system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the messaging server comprises a processor arranged to append information received from a user to the user selected one of the plurality of the pre-specified standard messages.

5. (currently amended) A messaging system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the messaging server comprises a processor arranged to append information received from a user to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard

messages to create a combined message such that in use the messaging server is later able to separate the appended information from the combined message.

6. (currently amended) A messaging system as claimed in claim 5 wherein the processor is arranged to create the combined message such that, in use, when the combined message is displayed to a user the appended information is displayed as part of the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages.

7. (original) A messaging system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the messaging server is a multimedia messaging server.

8. (original) A messaging system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the destination party mail box is located on a second messaging server.

9. (currently amended) A messaging system as claimed in claim 3 wherein the communications network node is arranged to route the additional information to the messaging server together with one or more control signals that are arranged to indicate that the additional information is to be appended to a user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages.

10. (currently amended) A messaging system as claimed in claim 1 wherein the plurality of pre-specified standard messages is are stored in a mail box on the messaging server, said mail box being associated with the user.

11. (currently amended) A method of sending a pre-specified message specific to a user, from said user to a destination party mail box in a communications network, said method comprising the steps of:-

- (i) storing said a plurality of pre-specified standard messages at a messaging server in the communications network;
- (ii) receiving an input from said user, said input indicating that a user selected one of the plurality of the pre-specified standard messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box; and

(iii) sending the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages from the messaging server to the destination party mail box.

12. (original) A method as claimed in claim 11 wherein the input is received via a terminal.

13. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 12 which further comprises setting up a call between the terminal and the messaging server and receiving information from the user via this call, to be appended to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages.

14. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 13 wherein the call is routed via a communications network node between the terminal and the messaging server and wherein that communications network node is arranged to send a control signal to the messaging server, indicating that the received information is to be appended to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages.

15. (currently amended) A messaging server for sending a pre-specified message specific to a user, from said user to a destination party mail box in a communications network, said messaging server comprising:-

(i) a store containing a plurality of the pre-specified standard messages;

(ii) an input arranged to receive information from said user, said information indicating that user selected one of the plurality of the pre-specified standard messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box;

(iii) a processor arranged to send the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages to the destination party mail

box.

16. (currently amended) A communications network comprising a destination party mail box and a messaging server for sending a pre-specified message specific to a user, from said user to the destination party mail box, said messaging server comprising:-

- (i) a store containing a plurality of the pre-specified standard messages specific to said user;
- (ii) an input arranged to receive information from said user, said information indicating that user selected one of the plurality of the pre-specified standard messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box; and
- (iii) a processor arranged to send the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages to the destination party mail box.

17. (currently amended) A computer program stored on a computer readable medium, said computer program being for controlling a messaging server for sending a pre-specified message specific to a user, from said user to a destination party mail box in a communications network, said computer program being arranged to control the messaging server such that:-

- (i) a store containing a plurality of the pre-specified standard messages is accessed;
- (ii) information is received at an input from said user, said information indicating that a user selected one of the plurality of the pre-specified standard messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box;

(iii) the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages is sent to the destination party mail box by a processor.

18. (currently amended) A communications signal arranged to be routed between a terminal and a messaging server, said communications signal comprising information associated with a user and a control signal which indicates that the information is to be appended to a user selected one of a plurality of pre-specified standard messages at the messaging server, said user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages being specific to said user.

19. (currently amended) A communications network node arranged to be connected between a terminal and a messaging server, said communications network node comprising a processor arranged to set up a call between the terminal and the messaging server and to route information specific to a user from the terminal to the messaging server using this call, wherein the processor is further arranged to send a control signal with the routed information, said control signal indicating that the routed information is to be appended to a user selected one of a plurality of pre-specified standard messages at the message server, said user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages being associated with specific to said user.

20. (currently amended) A messaging system arranged to allow a user to send a pre-specified message to a destination party mail box, said messaging system comprising a communications network comprising:-

- a) a messaging server arranged to store a plurality of pre-specified standard messages specific to said user;
- b) an input to the communications network arranged to receive a user input from said user; and
- c) a destination party mail box; wherein when a specified user input

is received from said user at the input, a user selected one of said plurality of the pre-specified standard messages is sent to the destination party mail box from the messaging server;

wherein the messaging system further comprises a processor arranged to append spoken information received from the user to the user selected one of said plurality of pre-specified standard messages prior to it being sent to the destination party mail box.

21. (previously presented) A messaging system as claimed in claim 20 wherein said input comprises a user terminal connected to the communications network and comprising a user interface.

22. (currently amended) A messaging system as claimed in claim 21 wherein, in response to a further user input, said processor is arranged to establish a call between the user terminal and the messaging system to receive from said user the spoken information to be appended to the user selected one of said plurality of pre-specified standard messages.

23. (currently amended) A messaging system as claimed in claim 20 wherein the processor is arranged to append the spoken information received from the user to the user selected one of said plurality of pre-specified standard messages to create a combined message such that the messaging server is later able to separate the appended spoken information from the combined message.

24. (currently amended) A messaging system as claimed in claim 20 wherein the plurality of pre-specified standard messages is stored in a mail box on the messaging server, said mail box being associated with the user.

25. (currently amended) A method of sending a pre-specified message from a user to a destination party mail box in a communications network, said method comprising the steps of:-

- (i) storing said a plurality of pre-specified standard messages at a

messaging server in the communications network;

(ii) receiving an input from said user, said input indicating that a user selected one of the plurality of the pre-specified standard messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box; and

(iii) sending the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages from the messaging server to the destination party mail box;

wherein, prior to sending the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages to the destination party mail box, the method comprises the further step of appending spoken information received from the user to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages.

26. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 25 wherein the input is received via a user terminal.

27. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 26 which further comprises setting up a call between the user terminal and the messaging server and receiving the spoken information from the user via this call, to be appended to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages.

28. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 25 wherein it further comprises appending the spoken information received from the user to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages to create a combined message such that the messaging server is later able to separate the appended spoken information from the combined message.

29. (currently amended) A messaging server for sending a pre-specified message from a user to a destination party mail box in a communications network, said messaging server comprising:-

(i) a store containing a plurality of the pre-specified standard

messages;

(ii) an input arranged to receive information from said user, said information indicating that user selected one of the plurality of the pre-specified standard messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box;

(iii) a processor arranged to send the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages to the destination party mail box;

wherein the processor is arranged to append spoken information received from the user to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages prior to it being sent to the destination party mail box.

30. (currently amended) A communications network comprising a destination party mail box and a messaging server for sending a pre-specified message from a user to the destination party mail box, said messaging server comprising:-

(i) a store containing a plurality of the pre-specified standard messages specific to said user;

(ii) an input arranged to receive information from said user, said information indicating that user selected one of the plurality of the pre-specified standard messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box; and

(iii) a processor arranged to send the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages to the destination party mail box;

wherein the processor is arranged to append spoken information received from the user to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages prior to it being sent to the destination party mail box.

31. (currently amended) A computer program stored on a computer readable medium, said computer program being for controlling a messaging server for sending a pre-specified message from a user to a destination party mail box in a communications network, said computer program being arranged to control the messaging server such that:-

- (i) a store containing a plurality of the pre-specified standard messages is accessed;
- (ii) information is received at an input from said user, said information indicating that a user selected one of the plurality of the pre-specified standard messages is to be sent to the destination party mail box;
- (iii) the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages is sent to the destination party mail box by a processor;

and the processor is arranged to append spoken information received from the user to the user selected one of the plurality of pre-specified standard messages prior to it being sent to the destination party mail box.